

Sgt. Corwin Powell Writes Interestingly.

Montrichard, France, December 15.
My dear folks: Received my Christmas package all o. k. Everything was just as you placed it in, but the box was mashed a little. I don't know yet who sent the different things but I thank you all very much. You sent just the very things I wanted. Was just thinking about buying a watch. The candy was sure fine, and the first I have had since I left the states. They have very little candy here. Sugar is a scarcity with the French. My package must have been in the first boatload sent over.

I hardly know what to write this time but will try and tell you a little about my trip over. Came over the season of the year when the ocean is the calmest in August. Embarked the 23rd and set sail the following day. Took 12 days to make it across. The last thing that could be cited after setting sail was the Statue of Liberty. By the way, I went to the picture show last night and it showed the Statue, which was very good of it.

There were 15 transports in the convoy I came over in besides one man-of-war and a submarine chaser. About a dozen submarine chasers came with the convoy for four days and then went back and also an observation balloon the first day. Our company was aboard the largest and fastest ship and one which the Germans had been trying to sink, so we kept in the center of the bunch to be more protected.

It rained about half of the time and was foggy the other half. So all you could hear were the fog horns. One night four or five ships got lost and we never found them until the next evening. I remember passing a ship out in mid-ocean and some of we boys were guessing the distance it was off. We tho't perhaps it was a half mile off but one of the crew told us it was eight miles away. Whenever a ship was seen the battleship took right after it to find out what it was. They always saluted. You know they salute with their guns.

I never got seasick at all but most of the boys did. I had charge of the section our company occupied. Had to be swept and mopped up every morning and beds made up for a pretty keen inspection. Also had charge of a life-boat drill twice a day, so I didn't have much time of my own. All port holes were closed by sunset and not a match struck up on deck D.

When we got in the danger zone about two days off the Irish coast, all had to get up on deck at 3 o'clock in the morning. Sure was cold, too. I had on all the clothes I possessed including overcoat and slicker and then had to hunt a wind break. We came up around the north coast of Ireland and down through the Irish Sea to Liverpool, England. Could see land on both sides coming down through the sea. Have heard much about the joy it brings when you first sight land but I know now what it means.

By the way, this was a British ship named the Adriatic of the White Star Line. England transported a large percent of the U. S. boys. We departed the afternoon of September 5 and hiked through Liverpool with heavy packs for an hour or more to a rest camp where we stayed two days. It rained all the time with mud knee deep and we had just tents to sleep in. So it looked rather blue to us there, but we didn't tarry long and hiked about a mile to the train. England has better trains than France but they sure looked comical to me then. Each passenger car is divided into four sections. Each section accommodating about six people to a section. We went to Southampton but never went through London.

England is the prettiest country I ever expect to see. Looking out of the car window it resembled a fine landscape painting. Buildings are all old stone structure, in clusters. You know they live in small groups so the land is free from all unnecessary objects. Every foot of land is under a high state of cultivation and divided off into small fields. Have very fine stock there also.

Southampton is a very pretty place. We went into a rest camp there for a day or two and one evening we boarded a small boat and started across the channel. For an hour it was all right. There were about a thousand American soldiers and some English also on their way to Egypt. Pretty soon the waves began to roll and the ship began to rock and waves rolled up over the upper deck, and the boys began to heave up Jonah. Every man was sick enough to die. Even the crew was. They said it was the worst storm in 20 years. The boat just simply turned flip-flops and topsy turvy. We sure had to hang on

to keep from getting thrown clear across the boat. Some of the boys prayed for the boat to stop.

We stayed in a rest camp in Shur-burgg for a day and night, but these camps were more of a stomach rest than any other kind. Ha! Ha! We rode in stock cars here. Put about 40 men in each car. We rode two days and two nights that way, but the car that I was in only had 24 in it and we got rations for 40 men so we fared pretty well. We got off at St. Aignon, a classification camp, one morning where we got all the beans and bread and coffee we wanted so it looked a little better to us. We then set out on our hike up here with rifles and side arms and muskets. Just twelve miles up to this town (Montrichard). Our packs were hauled in trucks. So this place looked mighty good and they sure put out the cats, too. The company left in about two weeks except the non-coms. I have been here every since. This place is about 35 miles east of Tours. So you can tell about what part of France I am in. The roads here just wind around with no square corners. But they sure are good roads. Vineyards are everywhere and France is a great place for wines. Some of the people drink wine at all times instead of water. Buildings are all very old and made of stone. So many things are historical. An old castle here was built about 900 years ago. Took about two centuries to build it.

Well, I never got to go and fight the Boche but I have seen lots of prisoners. They seem contented and I guess they have reason to be. Oh, yes! I received the bundle of papers yesterday, too. Sure was good to read a home paper once if it was a month old. I read the letters the boys over here wrote home. Made me wish I had been with them. If there ever was "hell on earth" it sure was this war.

Well I received a letter from Lemuel and Alden since the armistice and they are o. k. Guess they will be home for Christmas. Don't have any idea when I will get home but not for a long time yet I guess. I am anxious to see more of France. A corporal here in my billet who has been with me ever since we left Waco, Texas, is going to Germany as an interpreter. Wish I could speak German now.

I think I have written about enough for this time and as it is almost time for taps I will close.

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Earl Keith in France and Ready to Come Home.

Cornay, France, Dec. 2.

Dear Folks: Have traveled a lot since coming over. Landed at Liverpool, then went across England by rail to Southampton on the English Channel, where we boarded ship for La Havre, France. Went into camp for a month at Angouleme, a large city where the people treated us fine, but the language was and is hard to get. We left this camp and started for the Argonne front, passing through some large cities including Orleans and Troyes. Got off the train at Clermont, 15 or 20 miles from Verdun, and here is where we got a warm welcome from the Huns.

I am now in a room formerly occupied by a German major's office. Won't tell what I have seen, but believe me, I will have plenty to talk about for 10 years when I get home.

Tell Grandma I am waiting to grab a place on the first ship I see going back to the U. S. A.

Had a fine Thanksgiving dinner and holiday. Have moved to Brioules since starting this letter several days ago and I am sure ready to move toward home.

We are on the Meuse River and

the country here that is not destroyed by the war is beautiful.

We have been salvaging around here, gathering up old clothes and other things the Huns left. I don't know how long this will last but I ready to go.

Your son,
Earl Kieth.

Made Quite a Difference.

The meaning of a paragraph depends very much on the punctuation. An editor wrote "When Mrs. Jones lectured on Dress she wore nothing that was remarkable." How the compositor, or the "proof reader," came to the conclusion that this should read, "When Mrs. Jones lectured on Dress she wore nothing. That was remarkable," remains a mystery.

Daily Thought.

Health consists with temperance alone.—Pope.

Victoria Cross in First Place.

A man who has earned several decorations cannot please himself how he wears them. If he has been brave enough to carry off the V. C., that medal for conspicuous bravery must hang first upon his left breast—that is, in the center of his chest, and all other decorations, according to precedence, must fall away toward his left arm.—London Answers.

Women and Housecleaning.

When a woman returns from a month's visit she says, "Oh, how I dread to begin cleaning up this house." But she doesn't. You can tell by the glee with which she seizes the broom and the duster and stirs up a great cloud of dust that she is now realizing that which she has eagerly anticipated all the time she was away. There is nothing a woman enjoys so much as kicking up a dust. For the dust is sure to come down again, and the source of fun is never exhausted.—Kansas City Star.

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